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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
October 16, 2002

Approved By:

## MINUTES

*Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m. with Selectmen Rice, Douglass and Wells present*

1. Review and Sign:

- Accounts payable, payroll warrants and minutes

**Items reviewed and signed.**

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- **None**

3. Discuss the following issues

- MMA Tax Reform issue

**The Selectmen and three members of the Budget Committee attended a MMA Tax Reform presentation at the Bath City Hall prior to the Selectmen's meeting. The Reform Bill would require the State to (1) fund all Special Education, (2) fund 55% of GPA vs. the current 45%, and (3) spread the sales tax base so that the State's reliance of property tax lessons. Selectman Wells expressed a concern that by spreading the sales tax base it could potentially remove tax exemptions for fishermen and also adversely affect the tourist industry, which the coastal communities rely on. Members of the Budget Committee determined that there would be limited benefits for the Town of Phippsburg from this Reform Bill and recommended taking no action at this time. After much discussion the motion was made by Selectman Rice to support the Tax Reform resolution but not collect petition signatures. The motion failed (1 for – 2 against.) No action will be taken in support of the MMA Tax Reform initiative.**

- Purchase of a two drawer fireproof file cabinet for the Town Clerk (\$1,000.00)

**Selectmen approved the purchase of the file cabinet as required by the State. Cost will be \$1,000.00 plus shipping and set up cost. Funding will come from Selectmen's contingency.**

4. Review the following items

- Chamber Connections
- RTAC Region 5 Agenda and Minutes

**Reviewed. No action taken.**

5. Discuss attendance at the following meetings, courses, and seminars

- Basic General Assistance

**Selectman Douglass might attend.**

- CDBG Grant Workshop

**Flyers have been mailed to interested parties.**

- Chamber of Commerce "Meet the Candidates" night.

**Selectman Rice will attend.**

6. Miscellaneous

- **Selectmen discussed the price for striping Sebasco Road, West Point Road and Parker Head Road. The Road Commissioner had recommended a company which charges 11 cents a foot. Cost would come out of the State Road Account. Selectmen tabled the decision until it was determined if we could use a single stripe vs. double and what the cost difference would be.**
- **Selectmen voted to appoint Orman Hines and C.C. Coates to the Historic Preservation Committee.**
- **It was determined, by review of the 1945 Town Meeting records by Tom Totman, that the Town Way known as Kenyon Rd ends at the ice cream shop at Sebasco Resorts and does not continue to the wharf. A warrant article had been dismissed at the 1945 Town Meeting, which would have extended the road. Selectmen determined that a survey would not be necessary (estimate was \$550.00.)**
- **T/A will have the back door light repaired.**
- **Appraisals for Stoneybrook Road properties have been received. T/A will send copies to each affected property owner. A meeting will be held on Thursday, November 21st with these owners, Attorney Hornbeck, and Surveyor Ron Beal, and the Road Commissioner. Meeting will be to discuss payments for the properties and future road construction plans.**
- **A meeting was held with the Animal Control Officer and Chief of Police concerning a dog-at-large complaint from Martha Smith against Terry and Dwight Wallace. The ACO did not consider the dog dangerous. The Wallace's have already been summons once for a dog-at-large. The Selectmen wanted to be sure that the ACO and Chief of Police have done everything possible within the State law and Town ordinance to alleviate the situation. The Chief of Police will be meeting with Terry Wallace on Oct 18th to discuss this issue.**
- **Selectman Douglass will attend the Senior Citizens fair on October 20th.**

*Adjourned: 7:45 p.m.*